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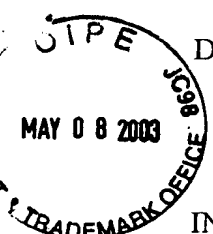
FOR: GRANULAR SWEETENER

LETTER TO COMMISSIONER

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Further to Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, which was filed on March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 to replace the unexecuted Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 filed with Applicants' response (a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt is enclosed herewith evidencing timely filing thereof). Applicants submit that the executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 is identical to the unexecuted Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 filed on March 26, 2003. Accordingly, entry of the attached executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 and full consideration of Applicants Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, without prejudice, is earnestly solicited.



Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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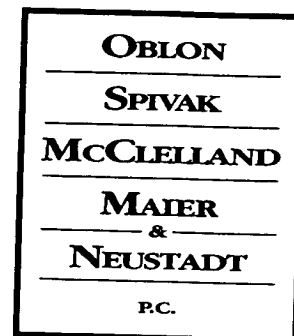
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Letter to Commissioner

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (8 pgs., executed)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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